

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear violation of ethical behavior, particularly in the weeks prior to an election.

They are making use of the privately owned media resources to sway public opinion. It borders on being illegal in using the media to air campaign material without allowing equal air time to opposing views. It also constitutes a huge donation to a political party without following strict laws for such things. They are bending the rules and know that they can do so without retribution before the election because our judicial system cannot react quickly enough. The damage will be done. They are knowingly taking advantage of this situation to further their own personal political opinions. It is unfair, unethical and illegal.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.